

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows, with all references to the herein submitted English-language translation of the international patent application.

Page 1, amend the paragraph in lines 18-24 as follows:

This type of boot typically has a pleated periphery as shown in FIG. 6 and the cross section thereof is circular defining a hollow area. In this boot 1, a tightening band for fixing the boot (hereinafter referred to as a "boot fixing band"), which is not shown in FIG. 6, is attached around each of an outer periphery 1a at the large-diameter end and an outer periphery 1b at the small-diameter end. By tightening these boot fixing bands, the boot is fixed to a rotary shaft or the like.

Page 9, amend the heading on line 16 as follows:

Disclosure Summary of the Invention

Page 17, after the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings" on line 9, add the following paragraph:

The following detailed description, given by way of example and not intended to limit the present invention solely thereto, will best be appreciated in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference numerals denote like elements and parts, in which:

Page 18, amend the heading on line 7 as follows:

~~Best Mode for Carrying out~~ Detailed Description of the Invention

Page 32, remove the heading “Industrial Applicability” on line 15.

Page 32, after line 21, add the following paragraph:

While the present invention has been particularly shown and described in conjunction with a preferred embodiment thereof, it will be readily appreciated by those of ordinary skill in the art that various changes may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. Therefore, it is intended that the appended claims be interpreted as including the embodiments described herein, the alternatives mentioned above, and all equivalents thereto.